

Notice of Allowability

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/26/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11/19/2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

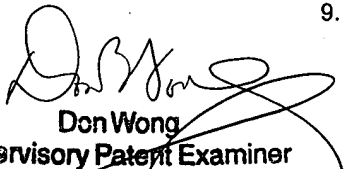
* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 05/12/2004.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


Don Wong
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Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and /or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.3.12. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The following claim has been amended upon agreement by applicant during a telephone conversation with Mr. Frederick E. Cooperrider on May 12, 2004.

Claims 21 and 22 are cancel.

Insert –claim 21 (amended) A power control circuit for a laser diode, comprising:
an amplifier circuit producing at an output terminal thereof an output voltage responsive to a voltage difference between a reference voltage and a feedback voltage that is indicative of an optical power generated by said laser diode in response to a driving current flowing therethrough, said amplifier circuit including an operational amplifier;
a driving circuit responding to said output voltage to control said driving current so as to make said voltage difference small;
a capacitor coupled between input and output ends of said operational amplifier and a first switch coupled in parallel to said capacitor[.];
a first resistor coupled to an input end of said operational amplifier; and a second switch coupled to said input end of said operational amplifier through said first resistor.

Reasons for Allowance

3. In response to the appeal brief filed on 04/26/2004, the application is allowed.
4. Claims 1-21 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reason for allowance:

None of the references of record teaches or suggests a power control circuit for a laser diode, comprising: a first amplifier circuit producing, when activated, at a first output terminal thereof a first output voltage responsive to a first voltage difference between a first reference voltage and a feedback voltage that is indicative of an optical power generated by said laser diode in response to a driving current flowing there through a **second amplifier** circuit producing, when activated, at a second output terminal thereof a second output voltage responsive to a second voltage difference between a second reference voltage and said feedback voltage, and a driving circuit responding to an activated one of said first and second output voltage to control said driving current so as to make a corresponding one of said first and second voltage difference small, respectively, at least one of said first and **second amplifier circuits** driving one of said first and second output terminals with a **first time constant** during a steady operation and with a **second time constant that is smaller than** said first time constant upon initiation and before said steady operation.

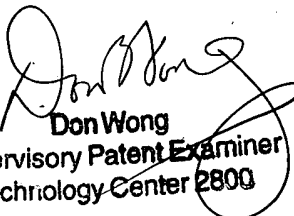
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung Vy whose telephone number is (571) 272-1954. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5:30pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 308-7722 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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May 12, 2004


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